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REPORT OF GERMAN AIR ACTIVITY (1940)

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To JOHN^[1]

1. Raids by the German Air Force between 16th and 18th July.

Individual [1 group unrecovered] aircraft by night and by day.

Aircraft: He.111s, Ju.88s and Henschel 126s.

Object : To bomb shipping and carry out aerial photography.

2. 19th July.

Midday

Seventy aircraft. Raid on shipping.

After midday

Combat [over][a] southern port. Strength: ten Do.17s with twenty He.109s and a number of Ju.87s with twenty-four He.109s. Aircraft flew in three layers. Height of topmost layer: 4000 metres.

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Later

Me.109s. Combat. [Attack on][a] trawlers in the Channel.

Do.17s. [Attack on][a] SCOTLAND with 50-kilogram whistling [S SIRENOJ] bombs.

3. 20th July

Evening

Thirty-five aircraft. Combat. Dusk [attack on][a] convoy.
Diving from height of 1500 metres.

Night

Seventeen Do.17s accompanied by Me.110s. Raid on shipping in a southern port. Me.115s took part [in the operation][a] at night.

4. 21st July

After midday

Forty Do.17s and forty Me.109s and Me.110s. Raid on ships in groups of [1 group unrecovered] to ten aircraft, out of the sun.

5. German aircraft dive down to a height of 1500 metres. Me.110s are used as bombers.

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Note: [a] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [1] JOHN: Unidentified MOSCOW addressee.

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